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Welcome to our first national issue. What does that mean for you? Of course, we will continue to bring you expert advice, the latest design inspiration, and the best renovation tips each issue. But now, even more Canadians will have access to our publication and its great content.

For this issue, we focus our attention on bathrooms. Here at R+D, we know that a good renovation will affect the value of your home. A bathroom reno is a smart investment with great ROI. Are you planning to renovate this fall? Don't miss our cover story on page 23, highlighting some of the biggest looks in bathroom design for 2021. I especially love the idea of incorporating a custom art piece into the mix. A bathroom should be an extension of the rest of your home, and art can really connect the design flow.

Maybe you're wondering what to expect during a bathroom reno and how to stay on budget? Check out Diana Rose's designer tips and tricks on page 38.

Have you started shopping in person again? I know I have! In this issue, you will notice more independent decor destinations, beginning with a spotlight on Toronto's Rose City Goods on page 17. There is no doubt that some of the smaller retailers across our country have taken an economic hit during the pandemic. Now is the time to get out there and show your support to these unique shops that make our communities special.

We hope this issue brings you all the inspiration you need to make those renovations and decorating dreams a reality.

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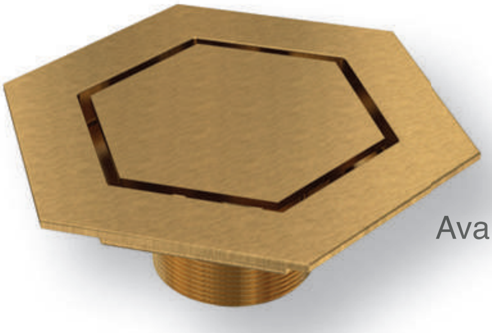

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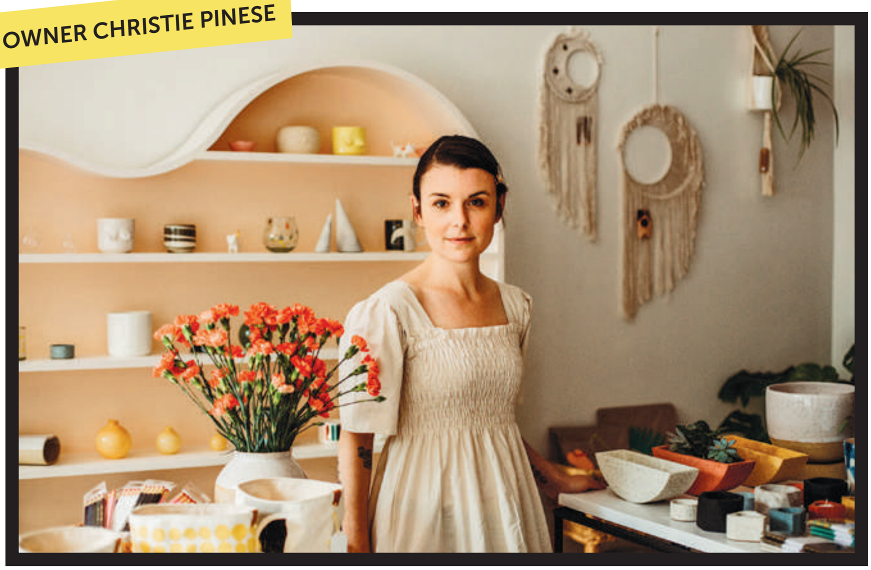
Dream shopper?

"Interior designers. I would love to see more of our goods in their clients' homes."

OWNER CHRISTIE PINESE



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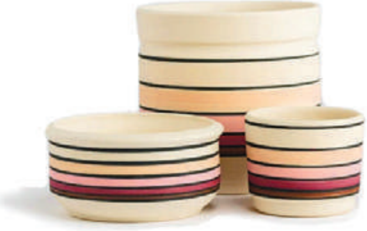

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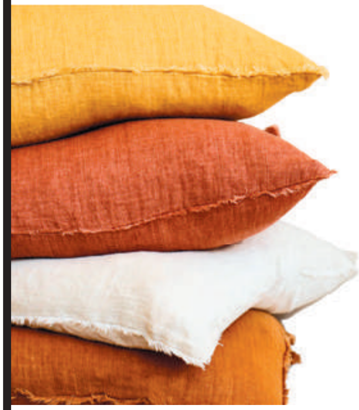

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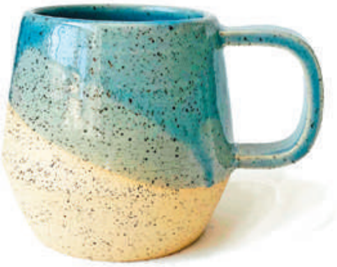

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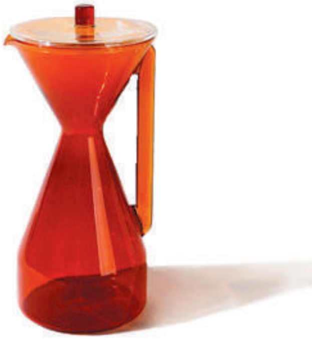

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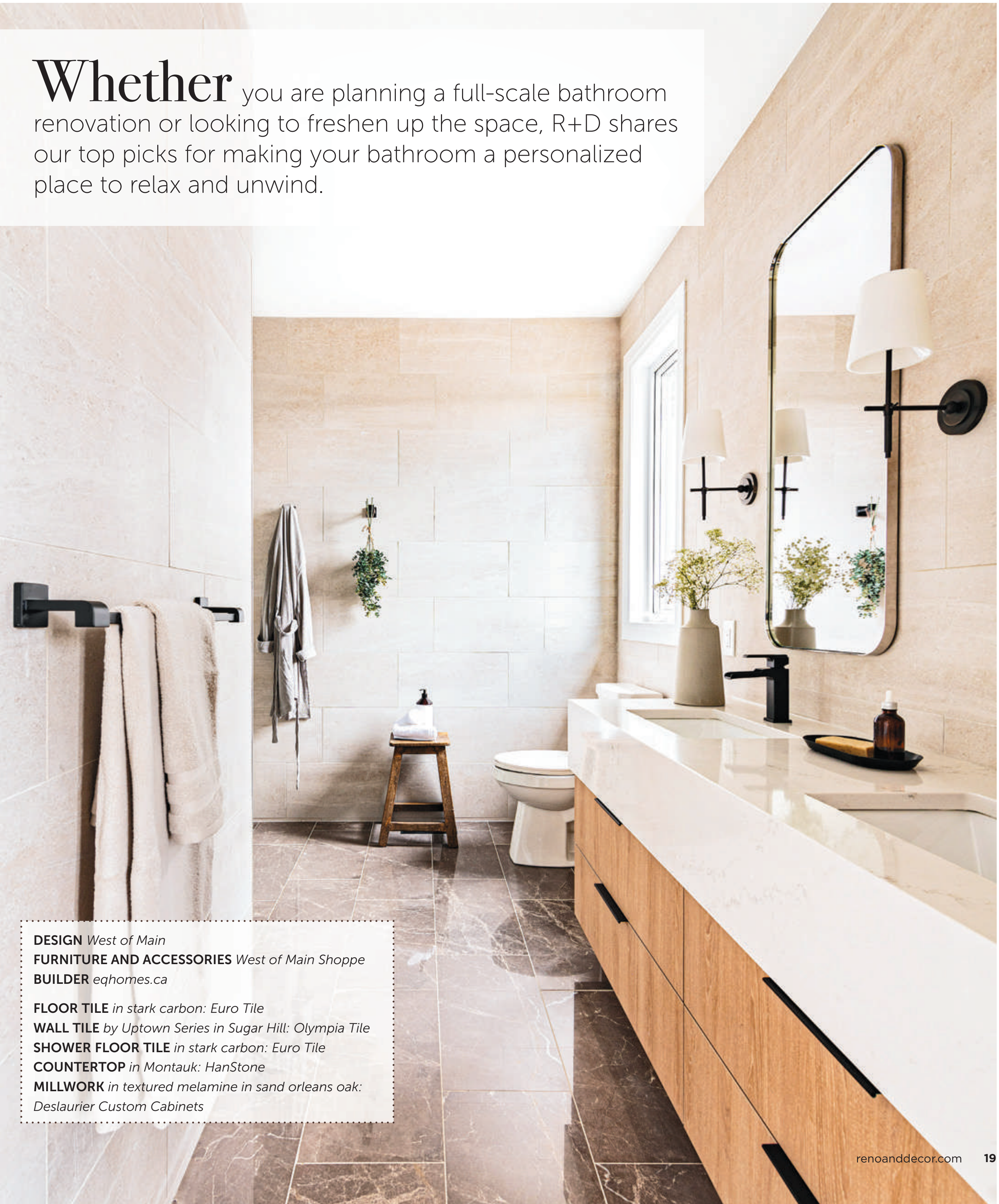

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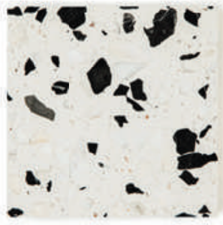
Classic combo + bold pattern

While black and white is a classic colour combination, when used in a bold pattern, it can be refreshingly modern.



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1. Wood **TOWEL RACK***, $80. bouclair.com | 2. Icon five-piece* **BATHROOM ACCESSORY SET** *by Paradigm Trends. $137. wayfair.ca | 3. Asia teakwood* **STOOL** *by haven. $172. bedbathandbeyond.ca | 4. Reclaimed teak* **MIRROR***. $400. eq3.com | 5. SD Naturals bamboo* **TOOTHBRUSH***. $16 for three. well.ca*

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1. Frameless **ROUND MIRROR** *with matte black metal hanging hook. $115. | 2. Lowell one-light* **WALL SCONCE** *with rich black finish. $80. | 3. Larson free-standing* **BATH VANITY** *in white with engineered marble top in white with white sink, $600. All available at the homedepot.ca*

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Bathroom colour trends

Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, Sharon Grech, shares the hottest colours in bathrooms for 2021.

"Yellow is definitely trending for interiors this year. It is the perfect hue to enliven the senses and bring the warmth of sunshine all year round! Try adding some pretty yellow tones in towels, artwork or even cabinetry and walls for an interior dose of Vitamin D."

(TRIM) SIMPLY WHITE *OC-117, ADVANCE, Satin*

(WALL) YELLOW RAINCOAT *2020-40, AURA Bath & Spa, Matte*

"There is nothing like a rich grey to add sophistication to your dream bathroom! Paint it on all four walls for a more dramatic effect or experiment with pale walls and a dark ceiling or accent wall."

(WALLS) CHARCOAL SLATE *HC-178, Aura Bath & Spa, Matte*

(CEILING/ TRIM)) ATRIUM WHITE *OC-145 Aura Bath & Spa, Matte/Semi-Gloss*

BALLET WHITE
SIMPLY WHITE

"White is always a popular option for the bathroom, but warmer "off-whites" have increased in popularity for walls to off-set crisp white fixtures and sleek, modern finishes."

(WALLS) BALLET WHITE *OC-9, AURA Bath & Spa, Matte*
(TRIM/ CEILING) SIMPLY WHITE *OC-117, ADVANCE, Satin/Ultra Flat*

Elements of design

by SARA DUCK

R+D'S DESIGN EXPERTS SHARE THE LATEST BATHROOM INSPIRATION FOR 2021

Statement soaker

"Delicate yet decadent, striking yet simple, a freestanding bath is the centrepiece of the bathroom. It exhibits control with perfect proportions while inviting you to unwind in the depths of the water." *– **Kohler***

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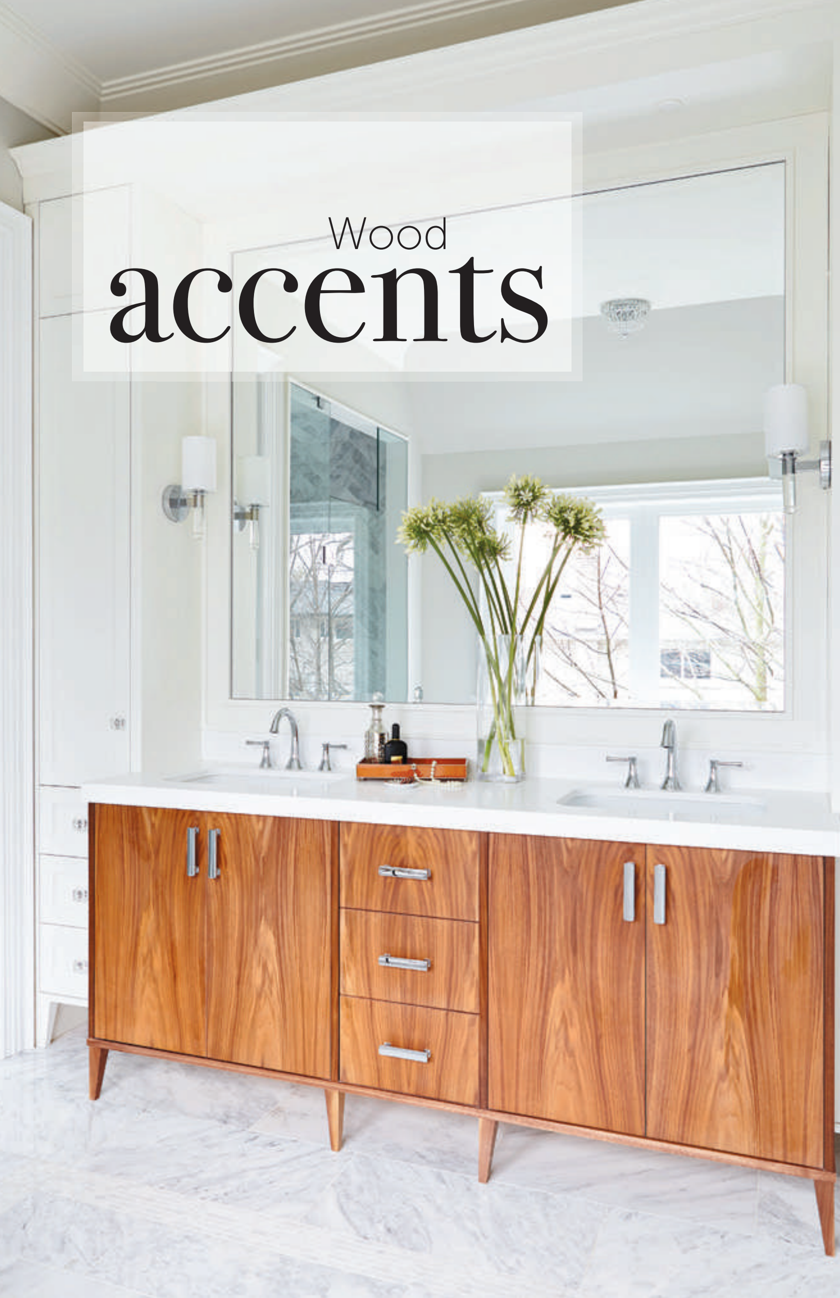
Wood accents



"With the ever-growing desire to freshen up our bathrooms, incorporating medium wood tones helps balance out all the crisp white tiles and provide the right amount of warmth to create that modern and comforting appeal".

– Designer Dvira Ovadia, Dvira Interiors

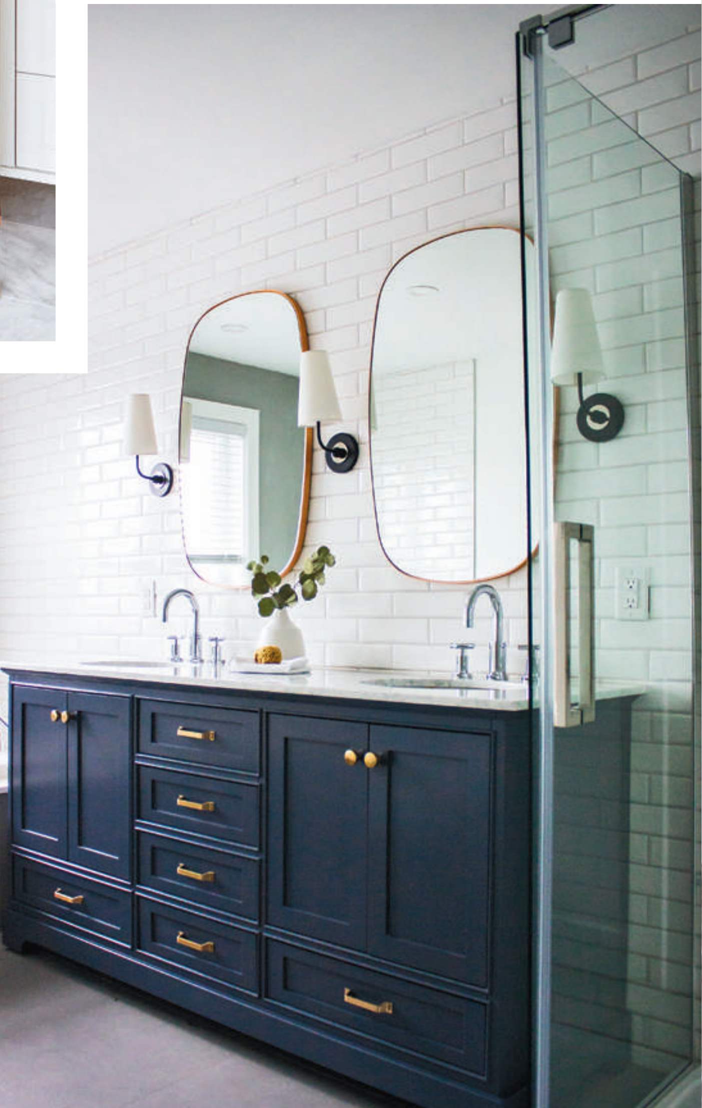
PHOTO: *Valerie Wilcox.* | **CABINETS**: *Natural Walnut. OC-17 Benjamin Moore* | **FLOOR TILES**: *Oriental White, marble. Cercan Tile* | **COUNTERTOP**: *Caesarstone 2141* | **FAUCETS**: *Canaroma* | **LIGHTING**: *Union Lighting*

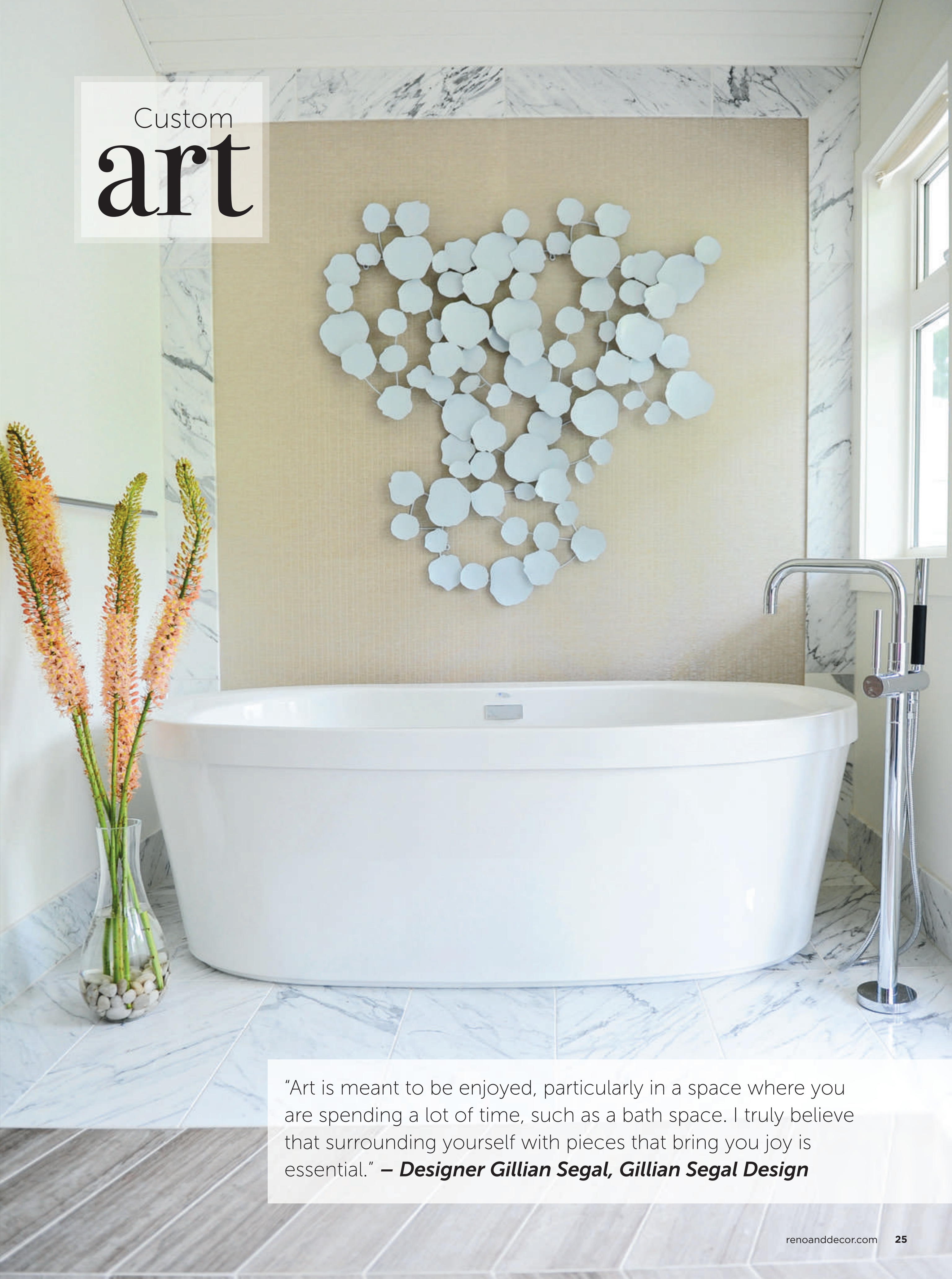
Mixing metals

"When mixing metals, it always comes down to balance and respecting one key rule. Create balance by repeating at least one of the finishes in several elements. You can mix either two or maximum three different finishes together."

– Designers Eugenia Triandos and Korina Khamis, Hibou Design & Co.

FAUCETS: *Rubi* | **LIGHTING:** *Mitzi* | **HARDWARE:** *Top Knobs*





Custom art

"Art is meant to be enjoyed, particularly in a space where you are spending a lot of time, such as a bath space. I truly believe that surrounding yourself with pieces that bring you joy is essential." **– *Designer Gillian Segal, Gillian Segal Design***

“When sharing a space as intimate as a bathroom we like to design a layout that allows multiple people to use the space comfortably at the same time.”

– Designer Sascha Lafleur, West of Main

WALL TILE: *Olympia Tile & Stone* | **FLOOR TILE**: *Anatolia Tile* | **SHOWER TILE (WALL):** *Olympia Tile & Stone* | **SHOWER TILE (FLOOR):** *Anatolia Tile* | **BUILDER**: *Glenview Homes* | **FINISHES**: *Delta* | **LIGHTING & DECOR**: *West of Main Shoppe*

Double shower

Bold tiles

“Tiles are a big part of a bathroom design concept and can truly set the mood. By using the same pattern throughout, but altering sizes, it took away from that busy feel that you can get when mixing tiles, and just allowed the bold pattern to be the main star in what was just a white rectangular room. The pattern created a seamless flow for the eye that naturally guided you up the shower wall from the floor almost creating an illusion of a larger space.”

– Designer Jo Alcorn, Alcorn Home

PHOTO: *Jason Hartog* | **LIGHTS, BLINDS AND TOWELS:** *Bed Bath and Beyond* | **FREESTANDING TUB, MATTE BLACK SLEEK FAUCETS, GLASS SHOWER, MIRRORS:** *Bath Depot* | **TILES**: *M2Tile* | **COUNTERTOPS AND INSTALL**: *Stone Edge/ Hand Stone* | **PAINT**: *Benjamin Moore*

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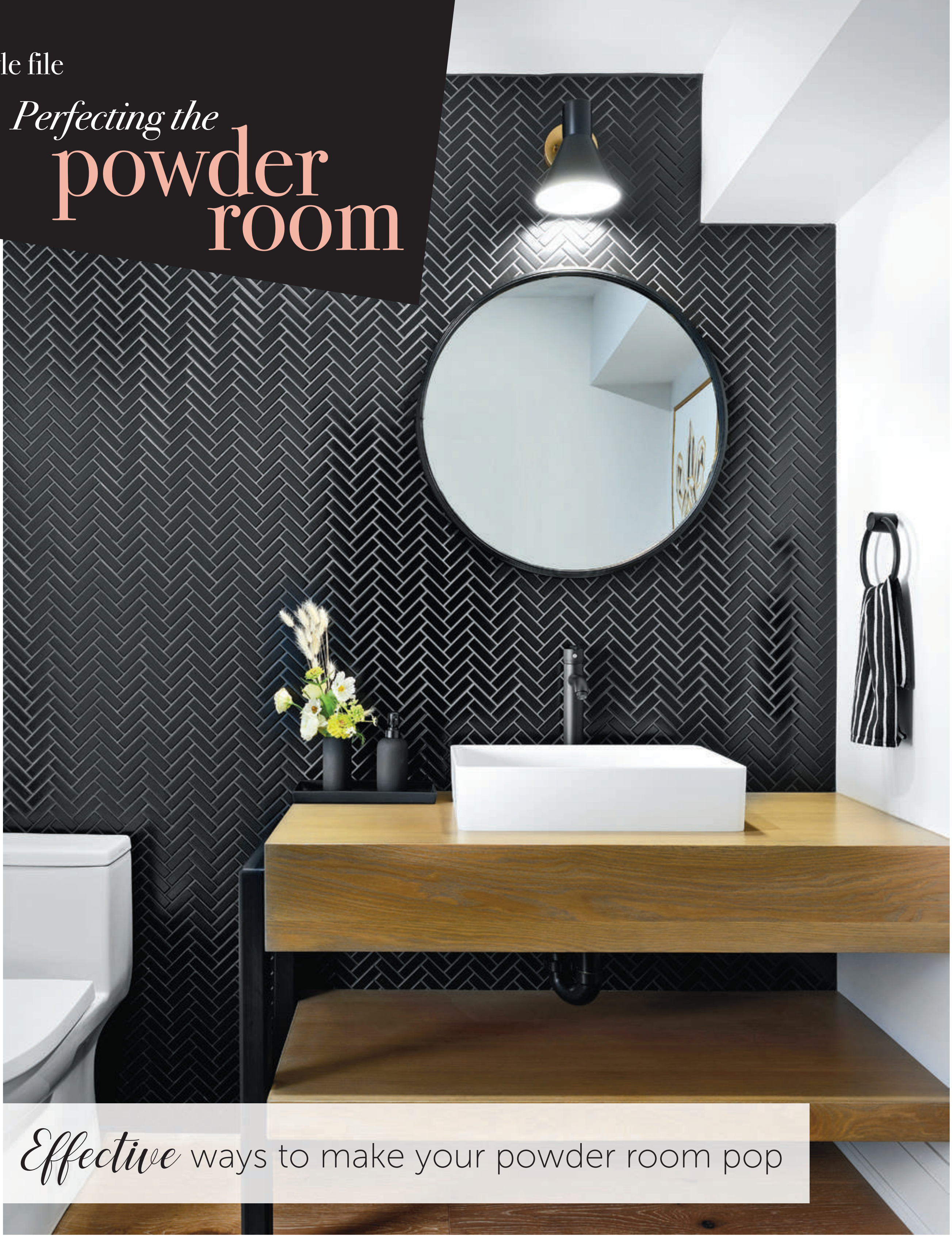


Effective ways to make your powder room pop

by MICHELLE BERWICK **photos** LARRY ARNAL

Powder rooms are generally our little sanctuaries where we stop in only for a brief time. But this doesn't mean that they should be forgotten and overlooked. On the contrary, they can make a stylish and bold statement that complements the vibe and flow of the rest of your home.

As a designer, one of my favorite spaces to tackle is the powder room, as this little jewel is where homeowners are often willing to take a risk. This allows us to stretch our design muscles and have a little fun. The powder room is the only bathroom your guests will see so, lets knock their socks off!

Statement tile

There are many options on the market today for lovely, patterned tiles. Everything from authentic encaustic cement to less expensive ceramic versions that are a little easier to maintain. Tiling the wall can have a huge impact on the overall look of the space.

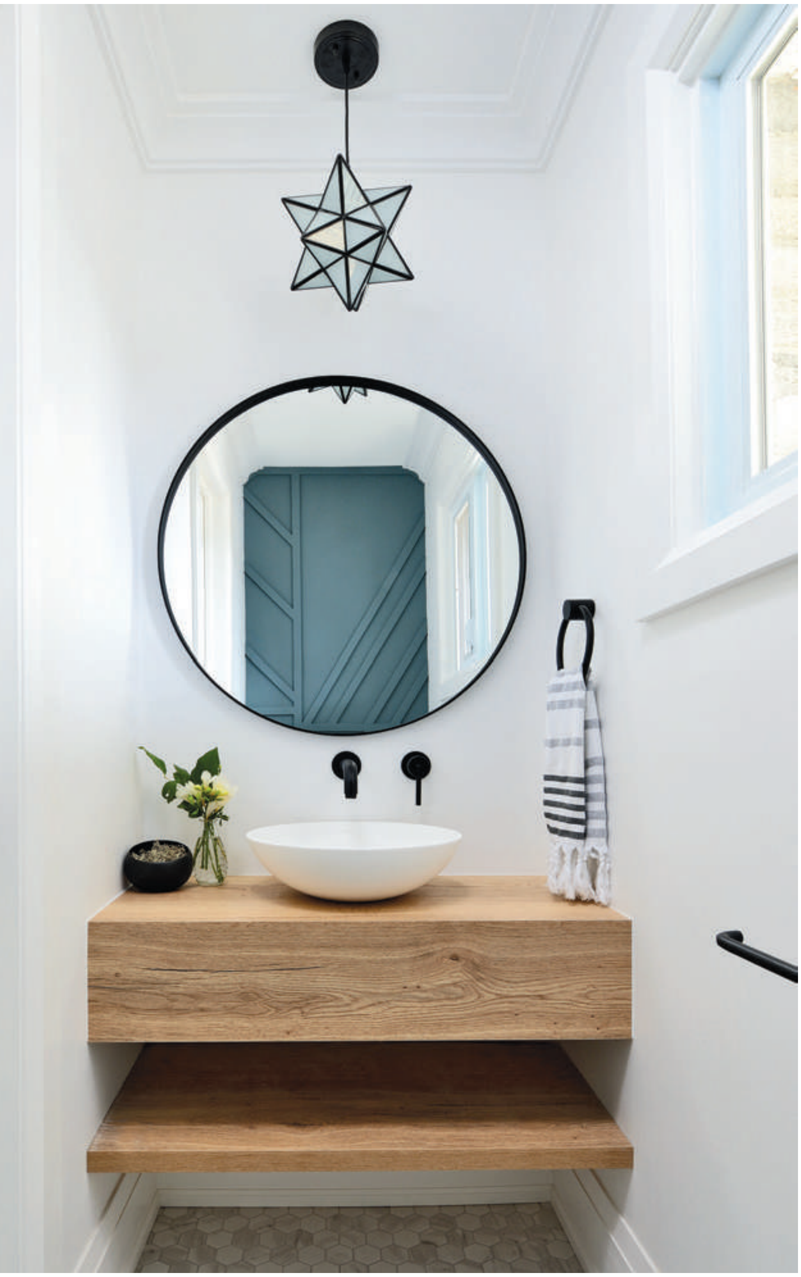
In this powder room, we brought the dramatic tile up onto the walls. This classic black small-scale herringbone creates texture and drama in this small space, and connects nicely with the warm wood of the vanity and floor.

In this beautiful powder room, we took a simple white hexagonal tile and wrapped the wall and floors for maximum impact. The black grout really makes it pop and helps bring further drama to the space.

Wallpaper wow

While tile can definitely make a statement, wallpaper can really wow! In a powder room, you are not dealing with the moisture and humidity from a bath or shower, so almost any wallpaper can work. A bold floral, makes a huge statement and encases you in beauty when you walk in the door. While you may not want this much pattern and colour in a more frequently used room, it works well for a powder room, as you stop in for just a moment, appreciate the beauty and then head out again. A perfect pop of drama in your day.

This large-scale organic pattern is the ultimate showstopper, and the ring light provides the perfect light to touch up your makeup.



Etc.

We've covered tile and wallpaper, so what else is there? Well, what about the trim? Or paint? Or both! In another powder room, we designed a beautiful asymmetric trim wall and then painted it a lovely shade of blue. (See it reflected in the mirror there?) This colour is repeated in other areas of the home, so the powder room feels cohesive in its design, but special all at once. Such a great, budget-friendly trick.

Other elements to consider in your powder room are the accessories and details. Beautiful soap dispensers and luxury towels will give your guests a moment of pampering while in your space. Just purchase large format hand soap refills to top up your pretty pump. Its more environmentally friendly, too. Win-win. A vase with fresh flowers or dried pampas grass can add that final bit of finish to create a unique space.

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Art can also provide a beautiful backdrop and bring a space to life. These details are present in almost every powder room we create for our clients, and while they might not be obvious, they really can create the most stylish of spaces.

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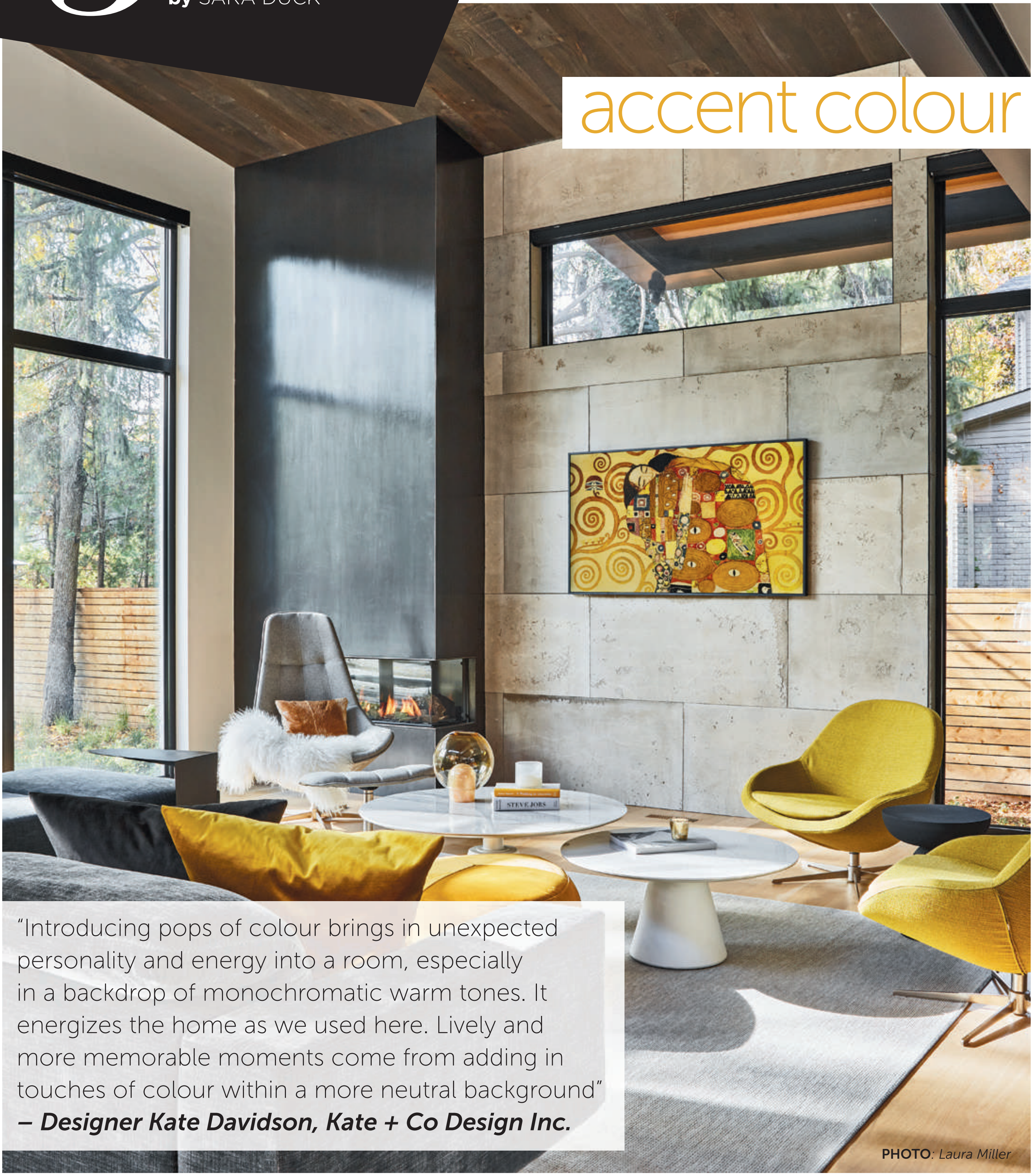
5 fall decor updates

by SARA DUCK

From introducing a statement colour to decorating with plants, here are easy ways to welcome the new decor season into your home.



accent colour

"Introducing pops of colour brings in unexpected personality and energy into a room, especially in a backdrop of monochromatic warm tones. It energizes the home as we used here. Lively and more memorable moments come from adding in touches of colour within a more neutral background"

– Designer Kate Davidson, Kate + Co Design Inc.

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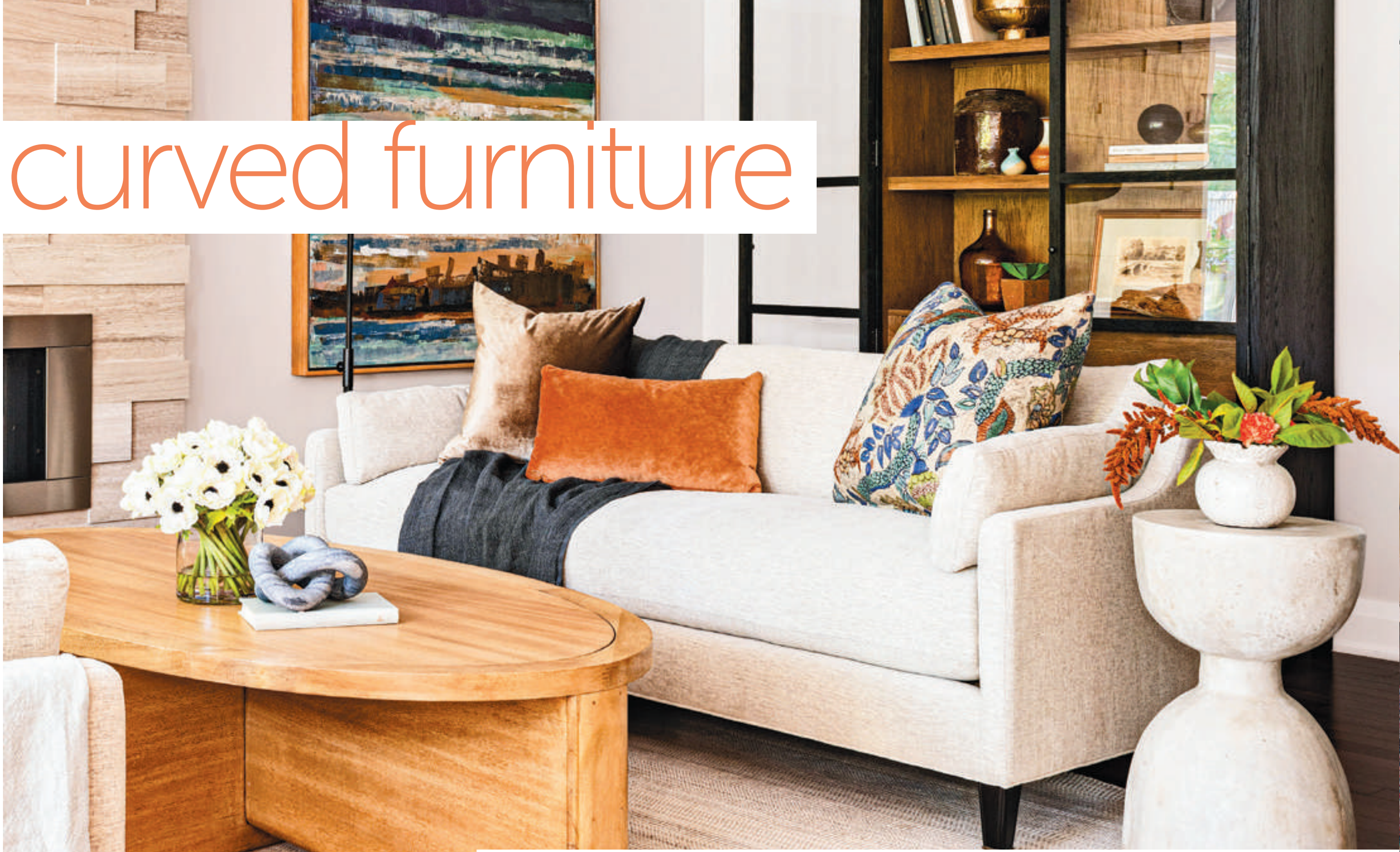
curved furniture



"Curved furniture is making its statement in interiors once again. These rounded and amorphous silhouettes were popular in the 1970s and '80s and are being embraced in new ways, particularly in upholstered fabrics including Sherpa, bouclé and velvet. These trending pieces are like artwork and add a sense of geometry which can be incorporated to inject just the right amount of edge and intrigue." ***– Designer Sascha Lafleur, West of Main***

PHOTO/FURNITURE: *West of Main*

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FURNITURE: *West of Main Shoppe*

tropical plants

"Creating a space that feels relaxed and inviting means bringing nature indoors. Plants bring a sense of tranquility, texture, and a pop of colour while still working with any decor. Lush green tropicals with dark leaves or pale, silver olive tree leaves can balance your space. Don't have a green thumb? There are incredible faux plants that can add that natural element and complement your decor."
– Designer Sascha Lafleur, West of Main

mixed patterns

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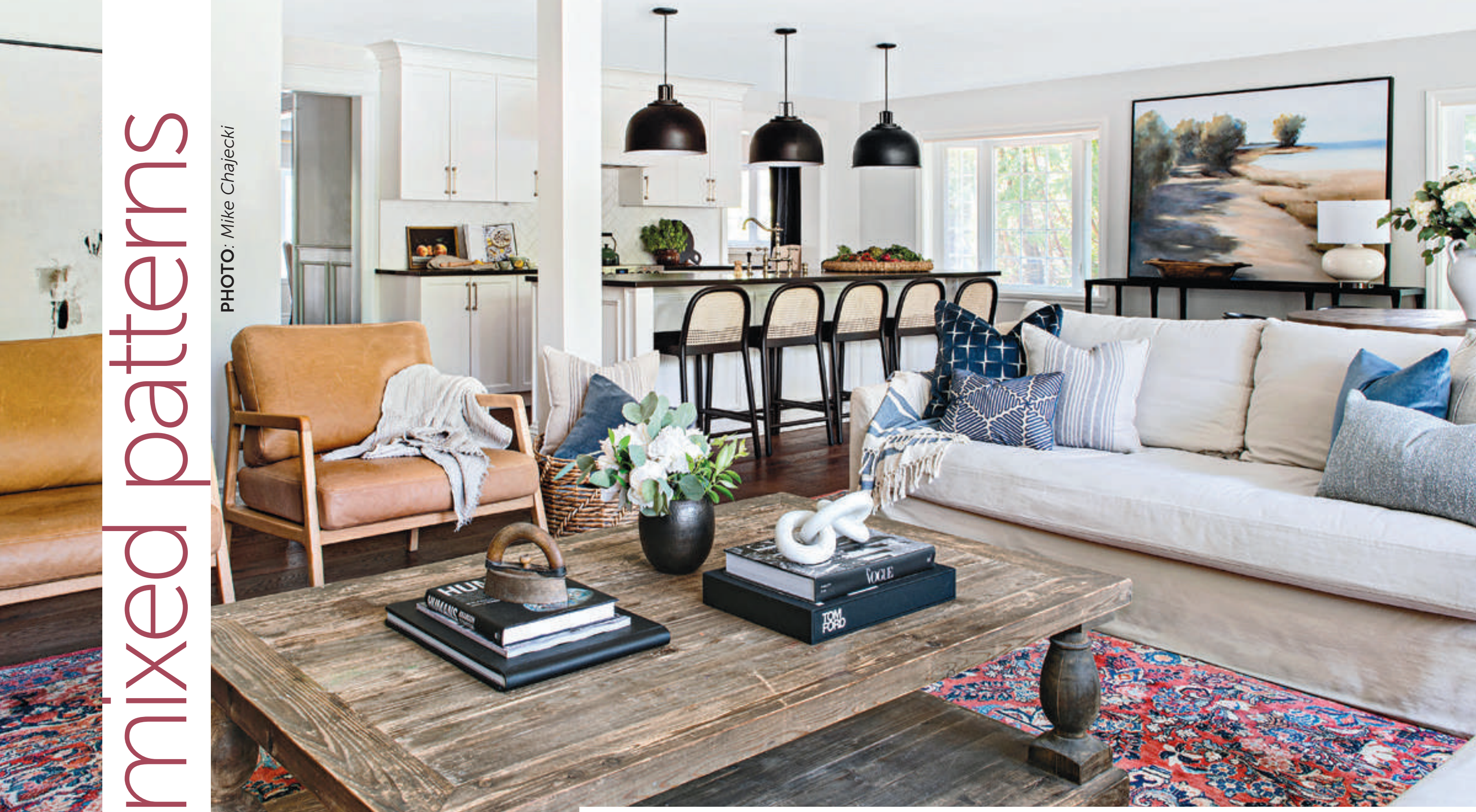
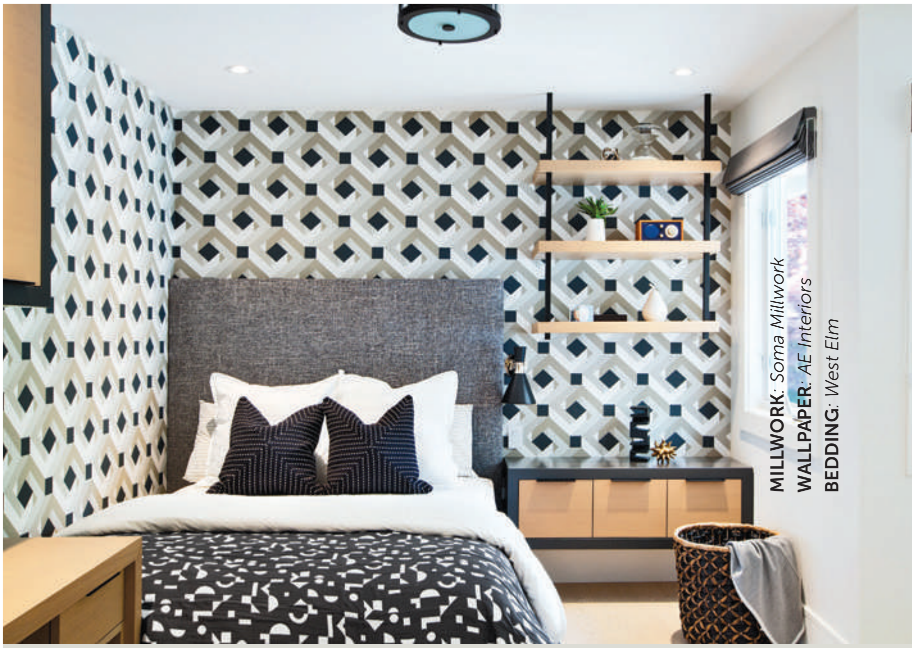


“Adding in a variety of different patterns bring loads of personality and life to a space that cannot be achieved with just working with solids. In this situation we knew we were opting for a bold vintage rug, so that was our first focus. From there, we decided which colours we would like to pull from the rug and repeated them in different areas. Mixing patterns is all about various scales, textures, embroidery and ultimately making sure it is harmonious.”

– Designer Korina Khamis, Hibou Design & Co.

PENDANTS: *Rejuvination* | **STOOLS**: *CB2* | **TABLE**: *Vintage find* | **ARMCHAIRS**: *Article* | **CONSOLE**: *Bernhardt* | **RUG**: *Vintage* | **CUSHIONS/ ACCESSORIES/ARTWORK**: *Hibou Home* | **SOFAS**: *Ikea and custom covers*



MILLWORK: *Soma Millwork*
WALLPAPER: *AE Interiors*
BEDDING: *West Elm*

bold wallpaper

“I love using a graphic wallpaper to add drama to a room. I typically keep the rest of the room neutral in terms of pattern to let the wallpaper be the star of the show. I like to pull colours from the wallpaper and repeat that in pillows, furniture and accessories.” ***– Designer Amanda Evans, Amanda Evans Interiors***

Bathroom budget *basics*

by DIANA ROSE

Get the lowdown on how to plan a successful bathroom renovation

A bathroom renovation is costly, time-consuming and inconvenient on a good day. Still, the results are worth the investment when you consider your return in terms of personal enjoyment and future resale value. And if you carry out the project correctly, it can be a smooth and seamless process. As a designer, here are some things I've learned first-hand about bathroom renovations.

Every good design starts with a clear set of priorities

What is your goal for the renovation? What do you want your bathroom to do for you? Separate your needs from your wants. Are there obvious problems that need to be corrected? Moisture issues, outdated electrical and plumbing should be prioritized over the "extras." Then, consider function. Who will be using the space, and how? Do you need double sinks? Are you a bath or shower person? Next, consider resale value – and for all you "shower people" out there, ensure your home has at least one tub!

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Have a budget and stick to it

And, very importantly, be realistic. Bathrooms can be the costliest of spaces to renovate, due to the number of trades needed per square foot. A modest bathroom reno can easily run from $15,000 to $60,000 or more, depending on materials and other scalable selections, greatly influencing the budget.

When drafting your budget, don't rely on a contractor's estimated costs. Instead, get a detailed quote to ensure your budget is being allotted to your expectations. Bathroom renovation spending can quickly escalate beyond the original budget, usually due to poor planning and indecision, but sometimes due to unforeseen factors that are discovered only after you've opened the walls. For this reason, I always recommend having a 20-per-cent contingency fund.

Communicate with your team

Don't just assume that you and your contractor or interior designer are on the same page. Communicate your wants and needs. For example, suppose you're working with a professional bathroom designer. In that case, this is your single touchpoint for all things reno, from planning and design to material selections, trades, project management, budget and timelines. Any changes to the plan should be communicated immediately to help minimize disruption and costs to the overall schedule and project. With renovations way up this past year, enlist your trades early on in the reno process to give your contractor ample time to book required sub-trades and ensure project materials are ordered and can be delivered on time.

A bathroom renovation has many moving parts, which is why many homeowners choose to engage with a professional designer to manage this project, from concept to completion. When it comes to a significant space, such as a kitchen or bathroom, it is well worth your investment to get the job done right the first time.

HARDWARE *Richelieu*
SHOWER WALLS *Blanco Carrara*
COUNTER AND JAMBS *in organic white. Caesarstone*
INTERIOR DOORS *in HC-168 Chelsea Grey. Benjamin Moore*
TILES *in diesel diving in metallic gray. Ciot*

THREE KEY AREAS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A RENO

1 Bathtubs act as the focal point and influence the overall bathroom design. Freestanding bathtubs are all the rage, and come in classic or contemporary designs. If you're seeking style but are challenged for space, consider this: Many freestanding tubs are long enough to soak outstretched, yet they take up far less space than a traditional built-in!

2 Cabinetry is essential for the storage and function of the room. Once you've decided on a single or a double sink, consider how much storage space you need. You may want custom-designed and -built cabinetry; however, stock cabinets are far less expensive and come in a range of dimensions to suit most spaces.

3 Flooring needs to balance function and fashion. This hard-wearing element can take a beating, so ensure durability is one of your must-have criteria. Due to the nature of the bathroom, flooring materials should be water-resistant. Marble, stone and ceramic are the most popular choices.

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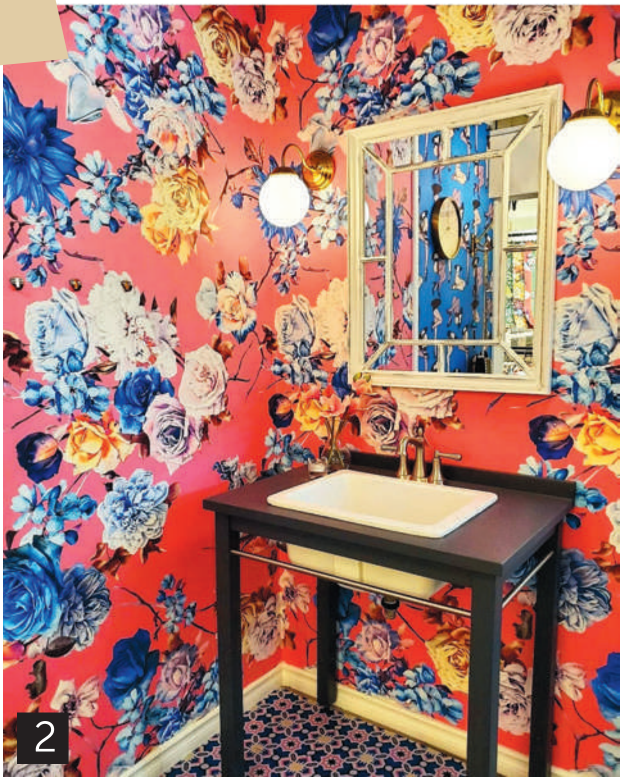
Bathroom trends 2021

by BILHA KANGETHE

The term rebirth is embedded in this season's bathroom trends, where homeowners and designers are excited to blend styles that are not only functional but focus on wellness, too

As disruptive as it has been, the pandemic is making an impact that could not have been anticipated in the home improvement industry. Canadians are renovating and remodelling now more than ever. As a designer, I am seeing empowered homeowners taking steps to express their authenticity and inspiration through bold design choices. Not only are homeowners thinking about ROI, they are also thinking about how they want to enjoy their space in the moment. Are you planning a bathroom reno? Here are my top trends to inspire you.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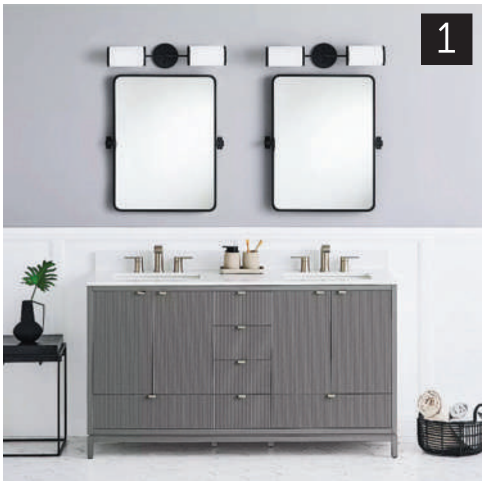
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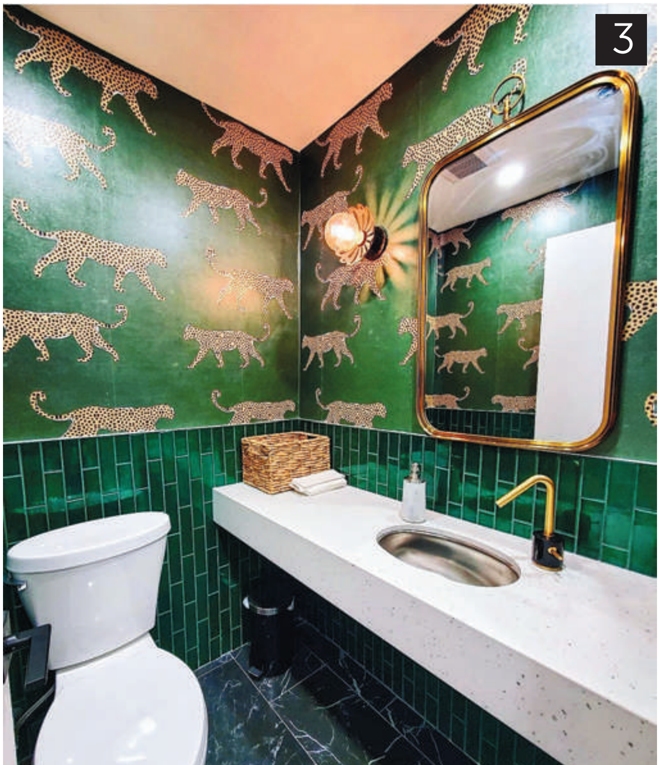
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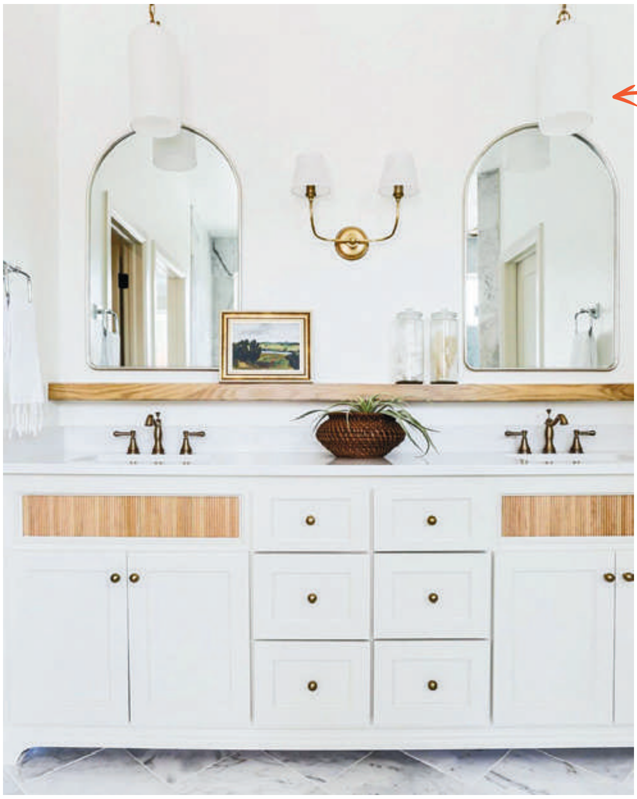
It is intriguing to witness an emergence of past eras in current design in a fun, eclectic way. Everything from large-scale wallpaper, and unconventional fluted vanities reminiscent of the art deco era to Mid-Century modern inspired floor tiles. There is something to offer both the interior design enthusiast, and the open and curious homeowner. Old is new and new is old, and we are loving every moment of it.

1. **FLUTED VANITY BY BRIAN GLUCKSTEIN:** *Beaumont Freestanding Vanity | 2.* **GOOD TILE WALLPAPER DESIGN:** *The Good Tile;* **PHOTO**: *Shay Nammari | 3.* **GOOD TILE WALLPAPER AND TILE-DESIGN:** *The Good Tile;* **PHOTO**: *Shay Nammari*

DESIGNED FOR WELLNESS

The pandemic has changed the way we use, design and occupy spaces in our homes. Sustainability coupled with purposeful spaces that promote emotional and physical health, as well as including environmental considerations such as biophilia, will continue to reign in our design schemes.

WHITE VANITY WITH FLUTED DETAIL DESIGN: *Kelsey Leigh Design Co;* **PHOTO**: *Emily Hart*
BLACK AND BRASS FIXTURES: *Grace Kelly*



My favourite combination, antique brass and chrome done right at a 70- to 30-per-cent ratio.

OH, SO GLEAMING!

2021 has got us moving beyond wall sconces and bathroom bars to integrated concealed lighting, ornate pendants, and for the minimalist at heart, linear lighting.

CONCEALED LIGHTING: *Amira Aboalnaga*

INDOOR OASIS

Did somebody say spa 10.0! Yes readers, we are elevating our bathroom retreats and intentionally incorporating all our favorite things that we enjoy at a resort spa. This indoor sanctuary features rainfall showerheads, freestanding tubs, large scale natural stone, glass shower doors, smart home systems that set the mood – and my favourite – the rise of the wet room. The ultimate spa experience right at your doorstep.

WET ROOM DESIGN: *West Bay Homes*
PHOTO: *Space Crafting Photography*

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Designer Louis Duncan-He reflects on the distinct beauty of design in Canada

Channelling design influences from COAST TO COAST

Designers pull inspiration from everywhere. The most common sources include art, music and fashion, but one of my favourites is the spirit and energy of the environment and geography. When planning with a specific Canadian region in mind, you'll want to consider both form and function. Is it humid or dry? Are there longer winter days than summer days? And what is the underlying essence trying to be captured? All of these aspects inform the overall flow, materials and decor in the space. When I think of our rich and bountiful country, there's an endless amount of inspiration in almost every region. From the glistening concrete jungles in the east, the central prairie lands, and the rugged Rockies to the supernatural spirit of the west, Canadian design never falls short on inspiration.

When I'm calling on my inner east coast, I channel a much bolder and dramatic mentality. My interactions with homeowners in this region are usually filled with a higher demand for cool, classy and chic. The result is a rich blending of cultures drawing inspiration from traditional brownstones, art-deco inspired shapes and highly stylized and modern surfaces (think high gloss, polished and lacquer). In addition, with much harsher and drawn-out winters, more decadent fabrics such as velvet, boucle and heavier weaves

can be paired in contrast with bolder colours and patterns to create interest and contrast. As a result, east coast design is bold, daring and confident.

Venturing west towards central Canada, we come to the prairie region, which is an area that doesn't often get as much love and attention as it deserves. I'm lucky enough to call Calgary my home now, and what I love about the design aesthetic is that nothing ever seems to be overly precious or fragile. There's a real mix of both style and practicality that reflects the notion of "livable luxury" here. When working with homeowners, I look to inject an earthy and natural look with a tasteful touch of rugged. There is something so captivating about the majestic call of the Rockies that manages to seep its way into almost every home I've designed here. When it comes to material, think rustic with subtle organic inflexions. Furniture pieces with a live edge or untreated wood, work especially well, along with a colour palette of deep earth tones such as rich browns, greens and terra cotta. It is no coincidence with the strong connection to the cattle and oil industries that leather, natural stones and woods are all staples in Prairie design, resulting in a confident mix of mountain, earth and style.

Last but certainly not least, we have the west coast. Growing up in the Pacific Northwest, there will always be a special place in my heart that carries the spirit of the west. The wonderful mix of organic, refined, natural, and elegant elements is key in the Louis Duncan-He Designs' ethos. When channelling west coast design, I envision light, bright, vast and natural. The name reflects huge inspiration from the coast and sea with serene palettes in natural shades of turquoise, seafoam, tidal blue and moss green. Tone on tone is used constantly as a subtle way of creating richness and natural sophistication. Overall, it's a more relaxed and laid-back approach to design that often manifests in sloped arms in seating and furniture pieces lower to the ground. The region is also unique in that it's one of the only areas in the world that contains both a temperate rainforest and desert. With humidity sometimes being an issue in the warmer summer months, choosing cooler lightweight cotton and linens are the way to go. To me, west coast design is about capturing the essence of the natural world in a way that feels fresh and modern.

As an immigrant to Canada in the late 1980s, I feel lucky every single day to be able to call this country my home. With so much happening outside our borders, I'm grateful that I can call on our bountiful and diverse tapestry to create truly authentic and reflective spaces for homeowners.

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Small bathroom design ideas

by BRENDAN CHARTERS

Tips and tricks for making a small bathroom shine

Location, location, location

The placement of a bathroom is directly proportionate to the level of personal use, and similar desire of being in proximity to it, when in use by others. In small urban settings, the floor space of these rooms can rival that of an airplane lavatory but retain their functionality over climbing up and down a full flight of stairs every time nature calls. It also keeps guests from using the main bathroom on the second level (and seeing what a mess you left it in) or resorting to the scary basement bathroom that spiders always seem to occupy.

Size matters

Most people have experienced the acrobatics required to wedge into an airplane bathroom (we are talking coach travellers here, like me). At 24-in. wide by 48-in. long, it's strictly a scenario of basic function and not one we recommend for the home. In these tight spaces, scale of fixtures and cleanliness is key. For powder rooms, we suggest 36-in. of interior width minimum, and 72-in. or six ft. in length. The tightest toilet space we have executed was 27-in. wide and shy of five ft. long, and while it worked, the space was almost comical. In a square shape scenario, four by four ft. is the minimum, and a wall hung or round bowl lavatory, along with a slim or corner basin is critical to the success here. For a full size or three-piece bath, the traditional five by eight ft. is very comfortable for a combined tub-shower, the toilet and vanity. That can be reduced in a pinch to four by seven ft. with some fixture choices, or 5.5 by six ft. in a squared configuration. Anything less than that and functionality is lost.

Swings and placements

When the door is open, the toilet should not be the first thing you see. We have spent the last 20 years fixing improper door swings (it should swing to hide the toilet, if possible). We have also spent years relocating ill-conceived powder and main bathrooms, which are located in, adjacent to, or within direct eyesight of the kitchen or the dining room. Even if open to a hall or a bedroom, when the door is open, the toilet need not be the focal point. Think food prep, food waste, dinner party and either you or anyone, having some business to do away from the table or the prep zone. No thanks! In a really tight space, an outswing door can prove useful, albeit potentially hazardous if quickly opened into a hallway. They tend to stay closed more frequently, though, which hides the room from view when not in use. What pocket or barn style do for space preservation, they lack in providing true privacy. Avoid them if possible.

Sound – plan for it

We all reach for the whisper-quiet fan when remodelling, but in some cases, the hum of white noise can contribute to privacy desires of the bather and those within earshot. Louder sounds drown out other less pleasing and embarrassing ones. In this case, the lower cost option can actually be helpful, so long as it can still adequately vent the space. Insulating walls of any bathroom and ceiling below these rooms is a wise investment. Pocket doors and those cheap builder basic hollow core ones do not do as well as a tightly fitting, solid core door. Flushing lavatories, running water and fans all can create noise that is disturbing to others – don't skimp on the few dollars it takes to address this.

The final thought

These rooms are a great indicator of where society is moving. Health and wealth directly impact why bathrooms are built, both by number in a home, size, finish quality and style. Every home needs at least one, and while our focus is on small bathrooms, we must highlight that universal design is always a key consideration. Access and function of this room must never be forgotten in the planning and design stage. No matter the style, if a space does not function as required, the design and execution have failed.

If you want help to design and build your own perfect bathroom, remember there is real value in working with a professional, and associations such as the Ontario Association of Architects and renomark.ca, the home of the professional renovator, are great places to start your search.

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The time had come to replace our deteriorating windows

WINDOW Shopping

by STEPHANIE GRAY

Drafts. Condensation. Water leaks. All are issues you don't want to have with your windows. Yet, these were the problems we were experiencing in almost all of the 10 windows throughout our house. The last time our windows were replaced was probably about 20 years ago, in the previous major renovation to the home. In a perfect world with an endless budget, we would have replaced them all at once; instead, we're planning to slowly replace them, prioritizing the ones that are the most concerning.

The two we replaced immediately were the two in the kitchen that impacted our kitchen reno. Both were integral to the design, and the risk to do them later would likely cause damage to our backsplash. We enlisted Mario Lambert of Mario's Windows & Doors, a recommendation from my sister-in-law, whose parents used him to help replace their windows and were happy with the results.

We had to make a few decisions about the windows we wanted, including the opening design, grill style and colour, and glass type. Unfortunately, the window openings we had throughout the house were all single- or double-hung, a traditional style that would have been the original look used on our home when it was built in 1885. When speaking with Lambert, he explained one of the biggest disadvantages of this style – there are more contact points, which equals more opportunities for air to leak over time.

My husband and I mulled over the decision: Should we try to keep the home's integrity with vertical sliding windows, or opt for a different style that will have longer durability? In the end, we went with a casement style for one window, and an awning style for the window over the sink. The exterior wood casings of the windows were also worse for wear, slowly rotting away, so we had him update them to a durable PVC in white.

For the glass, Lambert also helped us select an energy-efficient product from Guardian Glass called ClimaGuard 70/36, designed to control the hot summers and cold winters. We also decided to keep the grills, but we chose to have less than the original windows (four versus eight grids) for a more modern look.

Even though we replaced only two windows, we've noticed a significant difference, especially this past winter with less cool air penetrating through, and no condensation. We also love the awning style over the sink, which lets us keep the window open during those spring days when it's raining.

While I'd much rather pick paint colours or decor pieces than decide what window opening to have, the experience has made me appreciate just how important windows are to your home. Not only do they impact the overall aesthetic, but they can be detrimental to your comfort, wallet and the environment. So, while it's not the sexiest of projects we've done, it's been one of the most valuable.

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Get inspired to plant *now* to reap the rewards later

FALL IS FOR *planting*

by MARK AND BEN CULLEN

It's autumn planting season! Over the next few weeks, the trees, shrubs, perennials, and evergreens that you plant in your garden will put down roots in the new soil in preparation for the spring's surge in growth. The hardy plants you put in the ground now will produce more new growth than the spring-planted ones. Guaranteed. Here are flowers and plants to consider during this season.

Autumn colour

When you get to your favourite garden retailer, you may be welcomed with an eye full of fall flowering perennials. First, look for the Belgian chrysanthemums. The best performers produce blossoms in colours that cover the gamut from bright yellow and white to autumn shades of copper and orange.

Rudebeckia

Rudbeckias (black-eyed Susan) are easy to grow, multiply from year to year and are available in many varieties. Mark's favourite "giant" Rudebeckia is Herbstone, which grows to almost two metres high. A recent visitor to his home jokingly accused Mark of using steroids on them! Other great garden performers include Goldstrum (1999 Perennial Plant of the Year) and Prairie Sun, a lovely two-toned sun yellow/butter yellow in every petal.

Butterfly Bush (Buddleia)

Truly a butterfly magnet. Plant this one anywhere it receives half a day of sun or more and watch the butterflies find it. Hummingbirds have been known to seek it out as well.

New England asters

One of the few fall flowering perennials that produce a beautiful sky-blue flower in abundance. They are also reliably winter hardy all the way to zone four (Ottawa), so you can plant them in a sunny position in your Toronto area garden and know that you will see them again next spring.

Sumac

Okay, this flowering plant can be overly aggressive and invasive. But the fall colour of sumac foliage is hard to beat. The bright red foliage is topped with the pregnant candles of finished flowers – loved by many songbirds all fall.

Sedum

The really cool part of the Sedum story is that they bloom for such a long time. Often, snow will fall on the flowers, and after it melts, they are as bold and beautiful as ever. Sedum is tough as nails – that is why so many new Green roof installations feature them as the primary species. Look for the ever-popular Autumn Joy (aptly named), the hot pink Sieboldii and Chocolate Drop, featuring brown/bronze foliage.

These are but a few of the many colourful offerings to be found at garden retailers this time of year. We urge you to drop in and look over the selection of plants suitable for fall planting featuring autumn colour.

WHY PLANT IN THE FALL?

Your garden, the birds, butterflies and other wildlife in it are not ready to hunker down just yet. So why should we? There are many opportunities to enjoy the new dimensions of the gardening experience in early autumn. Here are some of our best reasons to get out of doors now:

1 Morning dew is heavy. Perfect for starting a new lawn from seed or laying some sod, it will grow regardless of rainfall.

2 Fall colour is in abundance at your retailer. The selection may surprise you.

3 Retailers are anxious to clear their summer inventory of shrubs, trees and evergreens. You can save money.

4 Over the next six to eight weeks, the roots of permanent plants are storing sugar for aggressive spring growth. It is the best time of year to plant trees, shrubs, evergreens and perennials.

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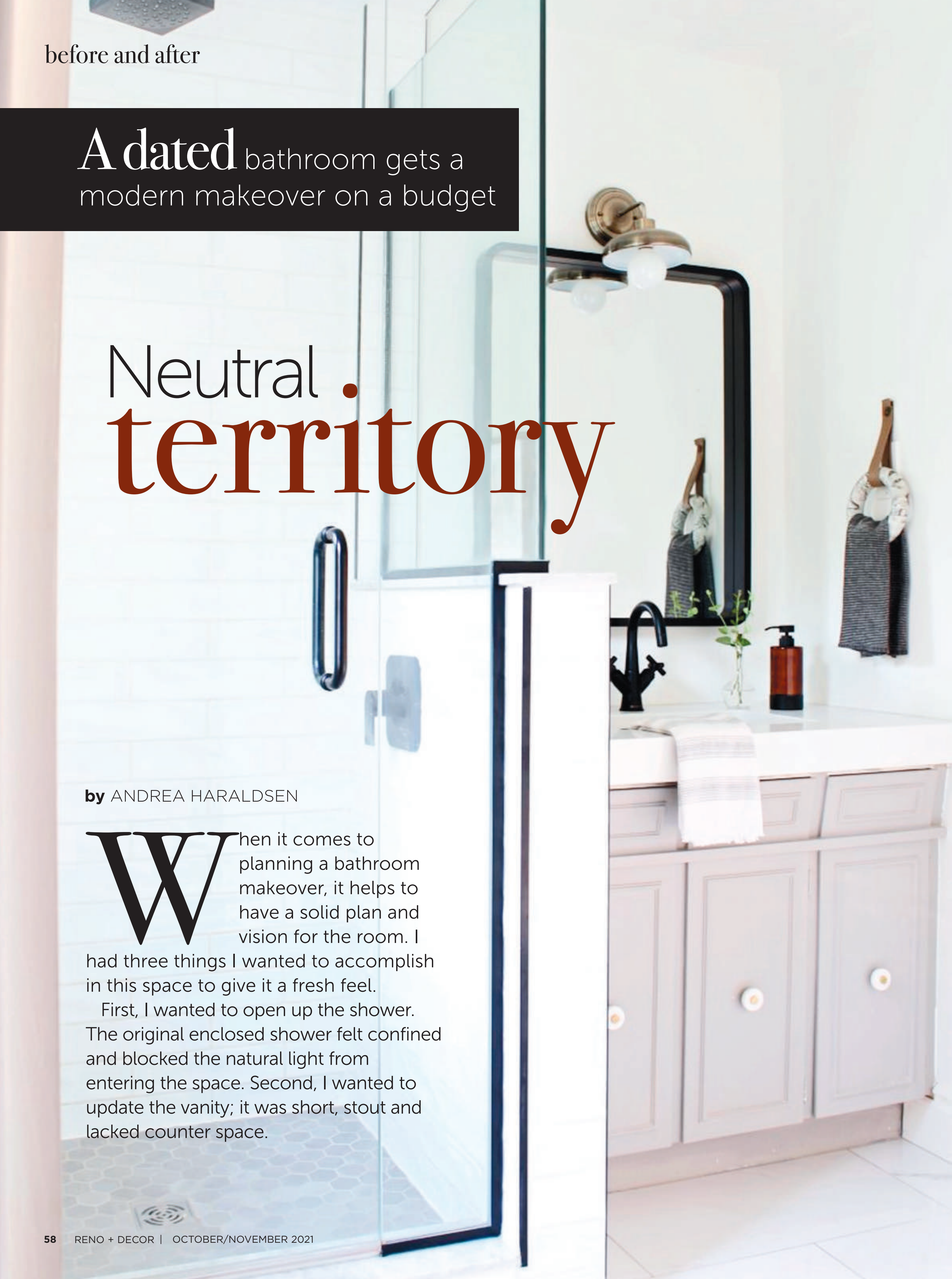


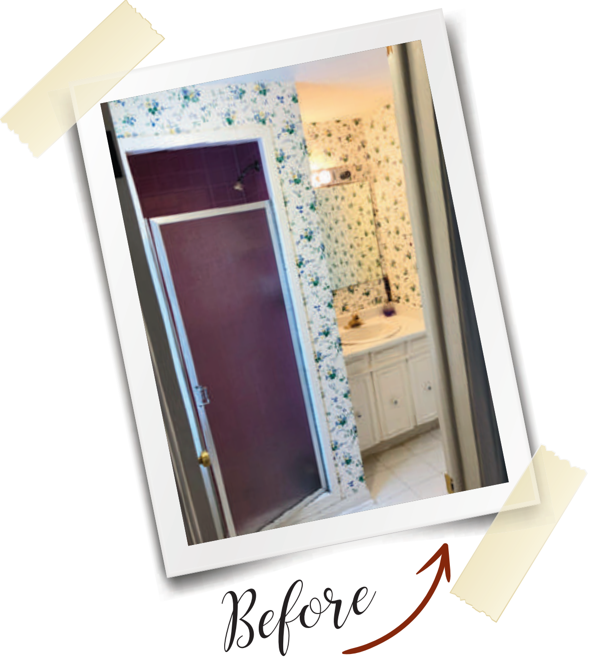
A dated bathroom gets a modern makeover on a budget

Neutral territory

by ANDREA HARALDSEN

When it comes to planning a bathroom makeover, it helps to have a solid plan and vision for the room. I had three things I wanted to accomplish in this space to give it a fresh feel.

First, I wanted to open up the shower. The original enclosed shower felt confined and blocked the natural light from entering the space. Second, I wanted to update the vanity; it was short, stout and lacked counter space.



Before

Finally, I wanted to brighten up the overall space. I have to admit, part of me loved the vintage wallpaper, but it was better suited for a quirky rental unit. So, with my clear vision, I got to work. For tile selection, I kept it modern and sleek. I chose a simple white artisan tile for the shower surround, a grey hexagon tile for the shower pan and a ceramic tile for the bathroom floor.

The original shower was dark and tiny, not the ideal washing experience, so I knew I wanted to tear down the shower wall and open things up. The original plan was to tear down the wall entirely and move the shower faucet to the back wall. I ran into a snag with this plan, as the back wall did not have enough depth to contain the plumbing. And since you can't have plumbing on an outside wall, my only choice was the wall we were tearing down. The thought of keeping that wall was not an option. As a compromise, my contractor ended up building a pony wall for the shower faucet with a glass wall to the ceiling. This solution worked out well, because the pony wall acts as a shampoo shelf and the glass wall still lets in lots of natural light.

I decided to keep the palette neutral in colour with hints of black contrast – this keeps the space looking fresh and modern. I also added a few DIY touches, such as the faux marble towel ring.

In the end, I am so pleased with the way this tiny but mighty ensuite makeover turned out.

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HERE ARE THREE TIPS FOR AN INEXPENSIVE BATHROOM RENOVATION

1 **Keep the existing footprint.** Since I didn't move any bathroom fixtures, it kept the costs down and helped avoid any unforeseen issues.

2 **Rework the vanity.** The existing vanity was solid wood and had a bit of vintage charm, so I decided to work with it. I painted it a lovely grey tone to match the shower pan and updated the hardware. I added height to the countertop by including a large bevelled edge, making it look like a chunky slab sink.

3 **Choose clearance tile.** Smaller bathrooms don't need a ton of tile, so you can often save money by checking out the clearance section, where the quantities might be lower, but so are the prices. I selected a simple white artisan tile from the sales section of the hardware store. I love that I didn't have to wait for it to be ordered, and the unique look of the artisan tile makes the bathroom look more expensive.

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by DAVE WILKES

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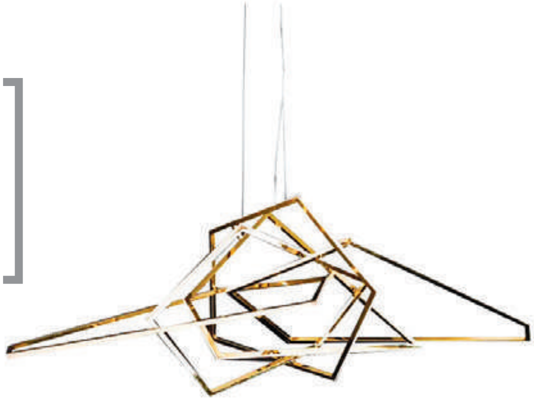

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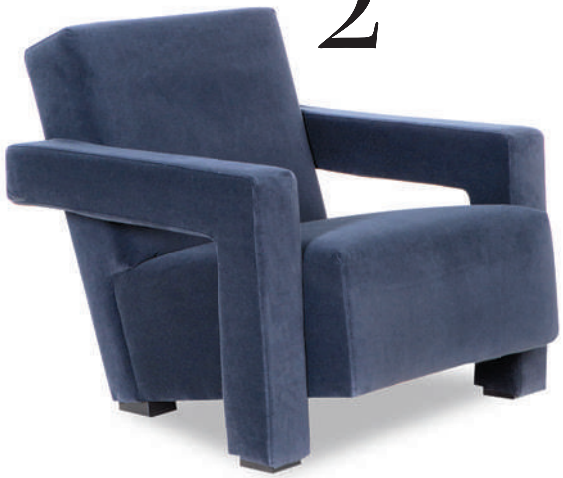

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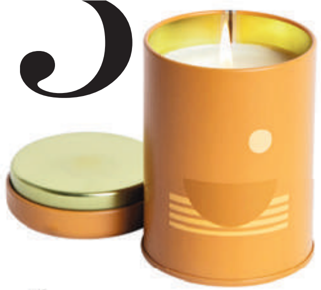

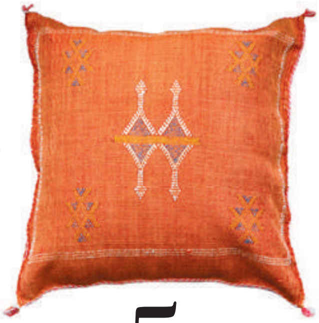

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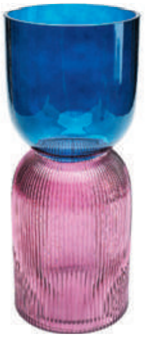

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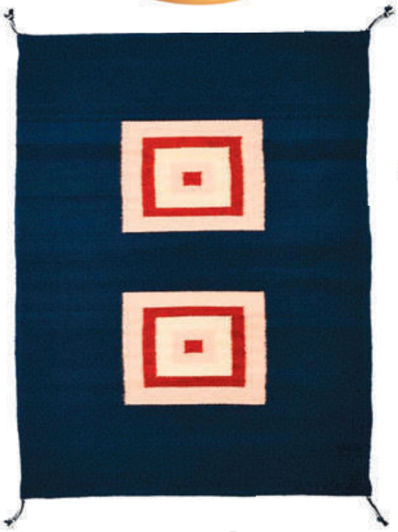

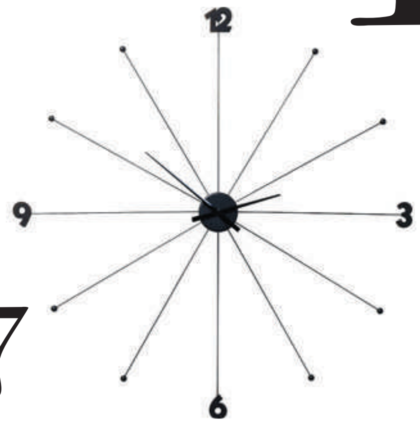

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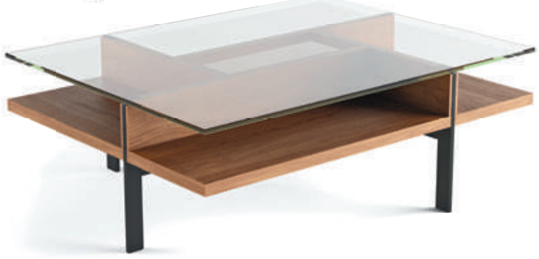

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